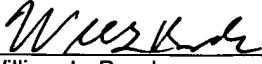




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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-3 as unpatentable over JP 405284851A to Furusawa (hereafter "**Furusawa**") in view of U.S. Patent 6,237,285 to Yoshida et al (hereafter "**Yoshida et al**") and U.S. Patent 5,373,661 to Furukawa (hereafter "**Furukawa**").

**Furusawa** shows a two-level greening structure including a plant-cultivable planting portion (8) on a water-reserving portion (7), but without the support post-shaped members claimed in the instant application.

**Yoshida et al.** discloses a plant cultivation mat to be spread over artificial ground, which permit walkers to tread on the soil filled in the mat as well as the plant grown in it. The plant cultivation mat comprises a cell disposed in a recessed form with the top part thereof being open upward and with a water-passage port being perforated